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Attention All Behavioral Health Community Network (BHCN) Groups and Substance Abuse Agency Model (SAAM) Groups:

Updated Medicaid Policy for Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)

The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP) Behavioral Health Unit (BHU) has updated the Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP) policy language in [Medicaid Services Manual \(MSM\) Chapter 400 Mental Health and Alcohol/Substance Abuse Services](#).

For Behavioral Health Community Networks (BHCNs,) Provider Type 14 Specialty 814

Both programs must be prior authorized. The authorizations are submitted in three (3)-week increments. Prior authorization (PA) form [FA-11B](#) has been updated to reflect these updates.

PHP services may be delivered under a contractual agreement with a hospital or Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Contracts to provide PHP may be submitted at the time of initial enrollment, revalidation, through an enrollment update, or through direct communication with the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). Contracts must be on file with the DHCFP for PHP request to be reviewed.

IOP services may be delivered under approval of evidence-based curriculum by DHCFP. Curriculum and schedules to provide IOP may be submitted at the time of initial enrollment, revalidation, through an enrollment update, or through direct communication with the BHU. Curriculum and schedule must be on file with the DHCFP for IOP request to be reviewed.

IOP authorizations must include the schedule and curriculum submitted with each PA request. Please submit this information through the Provider Web Portal in multiple submissions referencing the same tracking number as needed. If the same agency (same National Provider Identifier - NPI) providing PHP will also provide IOP as a step-down service, the authorization is considered a concurrent PA submission.

Both PHP and IOP are to be listed and described, with evidence-based practice(s), within the Quality Assurance (QA) Program submitted with enrollment and revalidation. The curriculum and schedule for IOP may also be submitted with enrollment and revalidation, within the Quality Assurance Program. The [PT 14 BHCN Enrollment Checklist](#) has also been updated to request information on PHP and IOP.

For Substance Abuse Agency Models (SAAMs), Provider Type 17 Specialty 215

Both programs must be prior authorized. The authorizations are submitted in 90-day increments.

The guidance for PHP and IOP services delivered by SAAM agencies can be found in Attachment B and C in MSM Chapter 400. These services are certified through SAPTA at Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient Program and Level 2.5 Partial Hospitalization.

For SAAM agencies providing PHP through a contractual agreement with a hospital or FQHC, the contract must be submitted to the Behavioral Health Unit prior to the authorization request.

The information in this web announcement is further clarification to [Web Announcement 1785](#) related to IOP billing codes and guidelines.

Please contact the BHU with specific questions related to PHP and IOP. The email address is: BehavioralHealth@dhcfp.nv.gov.